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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

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SUBJECT: BRITISH ROLE IN RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. UK APPEARS TO BE MOVING RATHER DECISIVELY TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM
AND GET RHODESIAN PARTIES TO TABLE. AND THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE.

2. I DO NOT KNOW STATUS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH LONDON. HOWEVER,
ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH DUFF HAS MENTIONED IS THAT ROWLANDS MAY SEE
SMITH IN PRETORIA. IN VIEW OF SMITH ATTITUDE TOWARD UK AND FACT
THAT SUCCESSFUL PRESSURE ON SMITH HAS BEEN BROUGHT BY SOUTH AFRICA
AT OUR URGING, I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT UK APPROACH DIRECTLY TO
SMITH WILL BE PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF WE
(AND UK) WANT SMITH TO DO SOMETHING IN ADDITION TO WHAT HE HAS
ALREADY DONE, BEST CHANNEL IS STILL THROUGH VORSTER.

3. I EXPECT TO MEET WITH DUFF AGAIN LATER TODAY AND WILL TRY TO GET
FURTHER ELEMENTS OF BRITISH THINKING.

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